

Claim 3. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a cable anchoring jaw [(10)] formed of

an assembly of a number N of wedges [(12)], comprising [the steps of]:

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[-] forming a bore [(5)] of a generally cylindrical shape in a single-piece component;

[-] performing N cuts in the single-piece component from its periphery along radial planes to form N radial slots [(25)] delimiting N angular segments [(22)] of the single-piece component, at least N-1 of the cuts being interrupted before reaching the bore [(5)] in order to leave bridges [(27)] joining the segments at [the] a bottom of [the] corresponding slots;

[-] subjecting the single-piece component [(20)] thus obtained to a hardening treatment; and

[-] forcing apart the N [sectors] segments in order to break the bridges, each wedge [(12)] of the jaw being obtained from one of the segments [(22)],

[characterized in that said] wherein the interrupted cuts are performed so as to impart to each bridge [(27)] a surface, directed towards the corresponding slot, of which at least [part] a portion is inclined relative to [the] a direction [(X)] perpendicular to [the] a radial plane of [said] the slot so that [said] the bridge breaks at a determined position along [said] the direction [(X)].

Claim 4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said N-1 cuts are made by [means of] at least one [or more] tool[s] (30) having teeth [(31)] with a substantially V-shaped profile perpendicular to [the] a cutting plane.

Claim 5. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 3 [or 4], further comprising [the step of] tapping the [generally cylindrical] bore [(5)] to form transverse striations [(11)] on an internal face of each wedge [(12)].

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Claim 6. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 3 [to 5], further comprising [the steps of]:

forming an annular groove [(14)] on the periphery of the single-piece component [(20)]; and

placing an assembling ring [(13)] in [said] the annular groove prior to the hardening treatment.

*(b) 4*  
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Claim 7. (Amended) A cable anchoring jaw [(10) formed by assembling several wedges (12) obtained by a method as claimed in any one of claims 3 to 6], comprising an assembly of several wedges arranged in angular sectors around an axial bore, wherein intervals are provided between the wedges, each interval substantially extending in a radial plane relative to the bore, and wherein at least one of the wedges situated on both sides of one of the intervals has a longitudinal ledge adjacent to the bore and projecting into the interval, the ledge having a inclined surface relative to a direction perpendicular to the redial plane of the slot.

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Claim 8. (Newly Added) A method as claimed in claim 5, further comprising:  
forming an annular groove on the periphery of the single-piece component; and  
placing an assembling ring in the annular groove prior to the hardening treatment.